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[REDACTED] Comment. It is realized that some of the information in the following report is dated, but it is felt that it contains background information that may be of value.

1. The Directorate of Public Security of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) in North Vietnam will, as of 1 June 1953, divide the Directorate of Public Security of Interzone III into two separate branches, both directly responsible to the North Vietnam Directorate:
  - a. Public Security of the Right Bank<sup>1</sup> of Interzone III will include the provincial divisions of Son Tay, Ha Dong, Ha Nam, Hoa Binh, Nam Dinh, and Ninh Binh.
  - b. Public Security of the Left Bank<sup>1</sup> of Interzone III will include the provincial divisions of Hai Phong, Kien An, Hai Duong, Thai Binh, and Hung Yen.

Right Bank Branch

2. The Right Bank branch will temporarily retain the designation, "Directorate of Public Security of Interzone III", but it will have the covert name "M. Thanh Xa Libre." Its former covert name was "Dong Son Society of Interzone III." Its headquarters will be located at Xich Tho.<sup>2</sup>
3. There are four main sections under the Directorate of Public Security of Interzone III. These are the Cabinet, Administrative Office, Political Security Office and Counter-Espionage Office. Three minor sections are the Construction, Documentation and Studies Offices.<sup>3</sup>

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4. Directorate  
 Director: Le Quoc Than  
 Deputy: Mai Van Mao, former Chief of Security Service of Haiphong (to be replaced by Tran Xuan Vien, aka Vien Chi, former director of the Left Bank branch of Intersone III).  
 Private Secretaries:  
   Chief Secretary: Kung Nhut Tan  
   Member: Tuom
5. Cabinet  
 Chief: Kieu Anh Tam  
 Deputy: Pham Nhu Long
  - a. Division I (Secretariat)  
 Chief: Vu Sinh Huy  
 Deputy: None  
 Stenographer: Vu Trong Nghia  
 Courier Dispatcher: Vu Quy Soan  
 Courier Receptionist: Nguyen Dinh Di  
 Confidential Dossiers: Nguyen Thi Nhan
  - b. Division II (Personnel and Accounting)  
 Chief: Le Nhu Lam, replacing Nguyen Ban Vinh who has been transferred to the Left Bank. Lam is the former Deputy  
 Deputy: Nguyen Van Bich  
 Secretaries: Nguyen Van Mien, and Vu Thuc.
  - c. Division III (Cadre Policies, Promotions, Approvals, Discharges)  
 Chief: Nguyen Van Chuong  
 Deputy: None  
 Secretary: Nguyen Van Phuong
  - d. Division IV (Application of Program)  
 Chief: Nguyen Dinh Quy, former Deputy, replacing Nguyen Quang Lien who has been transferred to the Left Bank.  
 Chief Secretary: Le Hao  
 Special Guidance Commissars: Hoang Trong Dat, Nguyen Trong Thu
6. Administrative Office  
 Chief: Nguyen Ngoc Hoa, former Chief of Security of Ha Dong.  
 Deputy: None  
 Location: Kich Tho, but the office is not completely organized.
  - a. Passport Bureau  
 Chief: Bui Van Nien  
 Deputy: None
  - b. Inquiries Bureau  
 Chief: Nguyen Van Thao  
 Deputy: None  
 Cells (Location unknown)  
   Cell I. Chief: Nguyen Quang Lien  
   Cell II. Chief: Nguyen Van So  
   Cell III. Chief: Nguyen Dan Quy
  - c. Instruction Office  
 Chief: Nguyen Van Rinh  
 Deputy: None
  - d. Study Bureau  
 Chief: Pham Ngoc Giao  
 Deputy: None

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7. Construction Office<sup>3</sup>  
 Chief: Nguyen Hong  
 Deputies: Ngo Van Uong, aka Quyen  
           Nguyen Van Thai (transferred to the Left Bank)  
           Other names not known  
 Mission: Agents of this office will be sent on missions in the Right Bank area to see that all branches are applying the directives concerning anti-aircraft defense, protection of the secrecy of missions, and prevention of assembly of large groups.
8. Documentation Office<sup>3</sup>  
 Chief: Tran Hong, aka Si (Communist Party member)  
 First Deputy: Do Huu Que, aka To Hai
9. Studies Bureau<sup>3</sup>  
 Chief: Ngo Van Hoa  
 Mission: Control and verification of reports of Construction Office agents.
  - a. Study Committee  
 President: Le Quang Hot
  - b. Study Section  
 Chief: Tran Dat  
 Mission: Study of circumstances surrounding all infractions.
  - c. Instruction Section  
 Chief: Nguyen Can Duoc  
 Mission: Instruction of persons arrested by Political Security Office on the basis of documents furnished by other sections and zones; instruction of persons suspected of subversive or political activities arrested by the Administrative Office. This section has a detention house directed by Nguyen Dinh Diem.
10. Political Security Office  
 Chief: Le Ngoc Bang, former Chief of Security of Ninh Binh  
 Deputy and Secretary: Le Thuong  
 Location: Kich Tho (by decree No. 296 B 2).
  - a. Secretariat  
 Secretary: Le Van Thu (now transferred to the Left Bank)  
 Stenographer: Nguyen Huu Luan  
 Liaison Agent: Nguyen Van Hong
  - b. Security Section  
 Chief: Hoang Manh Luan (or Tuan)
  - c. Political Parties Study Section  
 Chief: Le Van Hoang  
 Secretary: Bui Chanh  
 Mission: Study of the activities of opposition parties:  
       In the DRV Zones: Vietnam Quoc Dan Dang (VNQDD)  
       In the French Controlled Zone: VNQDD  
                             Dai Viet  
                             Xa Hoi Cong Giao  
                             Dan Chu Lien Hiep  
                             Duy Dan  
                             Viet Nam Cach Menh Dong Minh Hoi
  - d. Social Section  
 Chief: To Ninh  
 Stenographer: Nguyen Van Huyen
  - e. Military Intelligence Section  
 Chief: Nguyen Quang Van  
 Secretary: Nghiem Thu Nga (female, Communist Party member)

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Commissars: Le Huan

Luu Ngoc Bi (now transferred to the Left Bank)

Mission: Collection of military intelligence concerning the table of Organization of enemy forces.

11. Counter-Espionage Office

Chief: Tran Van Hong (Communist Party Member)

Deputy: Nguyen Lan

Secretary: Vu Van Ngo

Commisar: Nguyen Van Giao, aka "Con"

Agents charged with arresting suspects: Vu Quang Thanh  
Tran Van Luan  
Vuong Van Phonga. Ha Nam - Ninh Binh Zone

Chief: Nguyen Lan (also CE Deputy)

Known Cells:

- 1) Coc Thon, in the free zone (by Decree No. 298 I)

Chief: Tran Van Phuc

- 2) Ria, 12 kilometers southwest of Phu Nho Quah

Chief: Nguyen Van Duc

- 3) In the Phu Nho Quan Commune

Chief: Le Duc Hang, who will soon be retired and who is presently on a mission in Hanoi.

Cell Missions: Intelligence collection, reports on suspects in the region and prevention of movements in the enemy zone. The Coc Thon Cell has the additional mission of cooperating with the Coc Thon Control Post, which is under the Security Office of Ha Nam.

b. Thanh Hoa Zone<sup>4</sup>

Chief: Nguyen Van Cao, aka "Giao", aka "Con" (Communist Party member)

Cells:

- 1) Bois des Pins in Dong Son area

Chief: Nguyen To Tri

- 2) Thanh Hoa Commune

Chief: Nguyen Van Loi

- 3) Nga Son in Nga Son District

Chief: Unknown

Comments

1. "Right Bank" and "Left Bank" presumably refer to the banks of the Red River.
2. Xich Tho is located about midway between Phu Nho Quan and Chi Ne on Provincial Route 59
3. The report does not make it clear whether the Control, Documentation and Studies Offices are under the Administrative Office or directly responsible to the Directorate.
4. Comment. The Directorate of Public Security of Interzone III has created the Thanh Hoa Zone to control exchange and to control the movement of merchants coming from Thanh Hoa to buy or sell.

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